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September 30, 2021

Mr. Thomas Gleeson, Executive Director Public Utility Commission of Texas 1701 N. Congress Ave. P.O. Box 13326 Austin, Texas 78711-3326

Re: Project No. 52557, PUC Proceeding to Nominate Texas Energy Reliability Council Members Under Tex. Gov't Code Sec. 418.303

Dear Mr. Gleeson:

I am submitting this letter in response to your memoranda issued in the above-referenced proceeding on September 17 and 30, 2021. I have been involved in the electric industry for over 15 years and am interested in serving as the retail electric provider ("REP") representative on the Texas Energy Reliability Council ("Council"). As my attached resume demonstrates, I am able to perform the duties needed for this position given my extensive experience representing the interests of REPs and ample knowledge of other segments of the electric market. The Association of Electric Companies of Texas ("AECT") has filed a letter in support of my nomination.

In my current role as the Assistant General Counsel, Regulatory Affairs for NRG Energy, Inc., I advise the NRG family of REPs in Texas regarding legal and regulatory compliance and actively engage in advocacy on their behalf.¹ Prior to joining NRG and over the course of my career, I have represented REPs, power generators, transmission and distribution utilities, and vertically integrated utilities. This depth and breadth of experience has enabled me to work cooperatively with external stakeholder groups in policy and rule development. Accordingly, I am well-suited to serve as the REP segment member to the Council. The issues the Council will tackle are difficult ones, and I would be honored to serve and help find and develop solutions.

I appreciate your consideration of my expression of interest in the REP segment position on the Council. Should you have any questions regarding this submission, please contact at me at (512) 691-6245.

Sincerely,

Kristina F. Rollins

Assistant General Counsel, Regulatory Affairs

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NRG Energy, Inc.

¹ Reliant, Green Mountain Energy Company, U.S. Retailers LLC (Cirro Energy and Discount Power), Stream Energy, XOOM Energy, and the Direct Energy family of retail electric providers.

Kristina F. Rollins

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

Admitted to Practice: Texas (2001); United States Court for the Western District of Texas (2002)

Board Certified in Administrative Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization

Public Utility Law Section of the State Bar of Texas: Chair (2015-2016), Chair-Elect (2014-2015), Secretary/Treasurer (2013-2014), Council Member (2012 to 2017)

EDUCATION

The University of Texas School of Law

Austin, Texas

J.D., May 2001

The University of Texas at Austin

Austin, Texas

B.A. in Government and History, May 1998

Minor: Speech Communication

EXPERIENCE

NRG Energy
Assistant General Counsel, Regulatory Affairs

Austin, Texas Mar. 2019-Present

• Provide primary legal counsel and strategic advice regarding regulatory matters at the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT), Electric Reliability Council of Texas (ERCOT), and other relevant regulatory agencies in support of NRG's retail businesses in Texas.

Winstead Shareholder

Austin, Texas Apr. 2017-Mar. 2019

Practice focused on regulatory law with an emphasis on matters relating to the electric industry.
 Represented and advised clients in contested case matters, rulemaking proceedings, appeals of agency decisions and regulatory compliance. Clients included market participants in various sectors of the electric industry, from vertically integrated electric utilities in the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) to power generators, transmission and distribution utilities, and retail electric providers in ERCOT.

Graves Dougherty Hearon & Moody

Austin, Texas Oct. 2014-Apr. 2017

Shareholder

• Represented and advised clients in contested case matters, rulemaking proceedings, appeals of agency decisions, and regulatory compliance, with emphasis on matters pertaining to the electric industry. Contested case matters included representing electric utilities in base rate, fuel reconciliation, and transmission and generation CCN proceedings at the PUCT and State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) and similar proceedings at the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission. Represented water industry clients in ratemaking proceedings, including appeal of such proceedings, and served as outside general counsel for water supply corporation.

Energy Future Holdings (now Vistra Energy)

Director, Regulatory Policy

Austin, Texas Aug. 2012-Oct. 2014

• Ensured the interests of TXU Energy and Luminant were represented at the PUCT. Provided strategic and technical policy assistance on legislative issues affecting TXU Energy and Luminant.

Lone Star Transmission LLC

Regulatory Affairs Manager

Austin, Texas Apr. 2012-Jul. 2012

• Coordinated key regulatory registrations and filings associated with ERCOT and PUCT requirements, including but not limited to PUCT Code of Conduct compliance.

Enoch Kever P.L.L.C.

Partner

Austin, Texas Feb. 2011-Apr. 2012

• Served as outside counsel for a significant retail electric provider and its affiliated power generation company for all matters involving regulation and oversight by the PUCT. Represented clients in judicial appeals of administrative agency decisions. Represented clients in regulatory rulemaking proceedings before the PUCT and North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC). Advised clients regarding regulatory compliance issues, including but not limited to compliance with PUCT Substantive Rules, ERCOT Protocols and Operating Guides, and NERC Reliability Standards.

Winstead P.C.

Associate, Public and Regulatory Law Section

Austin, Texas Jan. 2008 – Jan 2011

• Represented clients, including a significant retail electric provider, major power generation company, and large transmission and distribution utility in ERCOT, with respect to regulatory issues, approvals, and compliance matters. Represented clients in regulatory rulemakings, enforcement actions, contested cases, and hearings on emergency cease and desist orders. Represented clients in connection with CCN proceedings before SOAH and the PUCT.

Public Utility Commission of Texas

Sr. Attorney & Team Lead, Commission Advising

Austin, Texas

Feb. 2006 — Jan. 2008

• Analyzed telecommunications and electric power issues and policies and developed recommendations on contested cases. Coordinated the preparation of and prepared legally sound preliminary orders, interim orders and final orders related to contested cases. Reviewed uncontested filings for consistency with Commission policies, rules, and orders. Monitored current trends and issues in the telecommunications and electric power industries to determine potential regulatory effects of those trends.

Additional Work Experience Available Upon Request